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THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT PARTNERS WITH RED HOOK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE ILLICIT SHOP

Unlicensed Operator Closed Following Community Complaints

Anonymous Report of Illness Caused by Untested, Unsafe Products

OCM Enforcement to Date: Nearly 500 Sealing Orders, 2,000 Inspections, and $125 Million In Illicit Cannabis Seized

RED HOOK, NY — On November 12, the New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), in partnership with the Red Hook Police Department, shuttered an illicit business suspected of selling cannabis without a New York State license. After receiving numerous community complaints, including one anonymous report of an individual who became ill after consuming illicit products purchased from the location, OCM investigators conducted an on-site inspection that uncovered illicit cannabis flower, edibles, and concentrate.

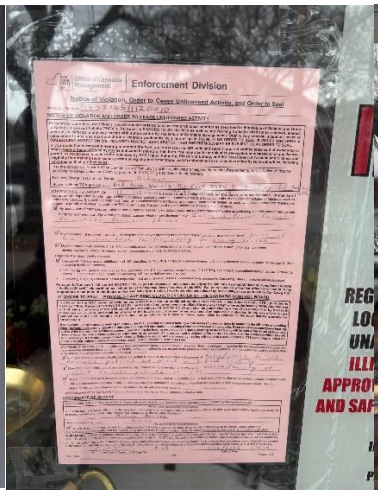
The seizure included untested products from out of state, and some with concerningly high levels of THC. One recovered brand of edible packages contained 5000 milligrams of THC, while the legal limit for tested edible products in New York is no more than 100 milligrams of THC per package and 10 milligrams per serving.

“Businesses selling illicit cannabis put New Yorkers and our communities at risk, and I thank the Red Hook Police Department for their partnership on this case,” **said Felicia A.B. Reid, Acting Executive Director of the New York State Office of Cannabis Management.** “The collaborative action in Red Hook reflects OCM’s continued commitment to protecting communities, supporting compliant businesses, and ensuring this market grows the right way.”

OCM issued the location, **Red Hook Exotics, at 7484 roadway**, a notice of violation and sealed the business.

“OCM’s Enforcement Team is working across the state to make sure the law is followed and that only licensed businesses sell cannabis products,” **said Daniel Haughney, Director of Enforcement and Investigations at the New York State Office of Cannabis Management**. “This ensures that the public is buying safer, tested products that meet New York State standards. The inspection in Red Hook led to an order to seal an unlicensed location — a clear reminder that illegal activity will not be tolerated in New York,”

"I would like to thank OCM for being responsive on the numerous complaints we have received regarding the illegal activity.” **said Lt. Hildenbrand, Red Hook Police Department** “Having a good working relationship and good lines of communication is key"



To date OCM has executed nearly 500 enforcement actions across New York State. Since being granted authority to seal unlicensed cannabis businesses, OCM has issued 488 sealing orders and conducted approximately 2,000 inspections. These actions have resulted in the seizure of over 29,000 pounds of illicit cannabis, with a street value of more than $125 million.

OCM continues to collaborate closely with law enforcement agencies statewide to uphold cannabis regulations and advance community safety. With 522 licensed dispensaries now open across New York, consumers are encouraged to purchase legal, safer, and tested cannabis products for responsible consumption. For more information and educational resources about cannabis, visit the OCM's Cannabis Education Library at cannabis.ny.gov/education.

To file a complaint or report illicit cannabis activity, visit the OCM's Report an Incident page at: https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident

For more information on the regulated cannabis market in New York, visit cannabis.ny.gov.

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